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Subject: RE: NMFS support for change petition to D-1641

In the interest of making the best use of limited water supplies, and maintaining cold water pool storage in Shasta Reservoir, I want to provide a timely initial response to emails from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (fish agencies). The fish agencies support a change in the Sacramento Valley Water Year Hydrologic Classification Index (40-30-30) water year type from "dry" to "critical" as it pertains to the Water Quality Objectives for Agricultural Beneficial Uses under D-1641 at the following Western Delta and Interior Delta monitoring stations:

- Sacramento River at Emmaton, Station D-22;
- San Joaquin River at Jersey Point, Station D-15;
- South Fork Mokelumne River at Terminus, Station C-13; and
- San Joaquin River at San Andreas Landing, Station C-4.

The State Water Board staff will not recommend any action if the projects operate to meet the critically dry year objectives for Western and Central Delta agricultural objectives, instead of operating to meet dry year objectives through August 15, 2013. Our intent to not take any action is conditioned on submittal of a temperature management plan pursuant to State Water Board Order 90-5 within one week of May 28, operation in accordance with the plan, and any further conditions determined by the Executive Director of the State Water Board. Furthermore, the Projects will be required to include an accounting of operations under the change in water year classification.

I will follow-up with an expanded response on Tuesday May 28 after receipt of any requests related to these Delta operations from the Department of Water resources and the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

I believe in the future that more timely exchange of information regarding operational issues will alleviate situations of this nature.